



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION RANGER HOTLINE DAY

- WHEREAS: The Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) was established to manage and protect the state's diverse natural resources, and is charged with managing, protecting and encouraging the conservation of all wildlife, including game and nongame animals, fish and protected plants; and
- WHEREAS: Ownership of all wildlife is by the State of Georgia, held in trust for all Georgians. A poacher is one who takes wildlife illegally, and as such, is a thief who steals from all citizens of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS: The Ranger Hotline Program was established as an initiative of the Georgia Natural Resources Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to preserving and protecting Georgia's natural, cultural and historical resources for current and future generations; and
- WHEREAS: The Ranger Hotline Program enhances the effectiveness of Georgia's Law Enforcement Division Conservation Rangers by encouraging citizen involvement in the detection and reporting of game and fish violations. The Ranger Hotline Program provides monetary rewards for information that leads to the arrest of poachers; and
- WHEREAS: The Ranger Hotline Program is supported by donations from sportsmen and sportswomen, wildlife organizations and concerned citizens; and
- WHEREAS: The Ranger Hotline Program encourages support of local judicial systems in the stringent enforcement of game and fish laws, as well as all DNR infractions; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 21, 2017, as RANGER HOTLINE DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1st day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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